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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: James A. Noyes
Director of Public Works

UNATTACHED TRAILERS AND SEMITRAILERS PARKING REQUIREMENTS

We are currently considering recommending that your Board amend Los Angeles County Code Section 15.64.100 pertaining to parking requirements for unattached trailers and semitrailers on unincorporated County roadways and public places, as requested by a member of the public.

Pursuant to Section 15.64.100, a person shall not park any trailer or semitrailer upon any public street or place unless it is attached to a vehicle capable of moving it. Exemptions to this parking requirement are currently provided for unattached trailers or semitrailers that are in the process of being loaded or unloaded, or those that are disabled.

Frequently, trailers and semitrailers used for recreational purposes are not loaded or unloaded at one time but rather sporadically over a period of a few days. It may be beneficial to expand the exemptions currently contained in Section 15.64.100 to allow parking of unattached trailers and semitrailers, used for recreational purposes, for a period up to 72 hours. Such an exemption will allow unattached recreational trailers and semitrailers to be legally parked on public roadways, up to 3 days, to accommodate circumstances such as the leisurely loading and preparation of a trailer for a trip. We do not anticipate such an exemption to adversely impact traffic safety.

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Attached for your review is a draft Ordinance amending Section 15.64.100 to exempt unattached trailers or semitrailers that are parked for a period less than 72 hours and are designed for the transportation of a boat or designed for human habitation for camping or recreational purposes. As this amendment will have a Countywide impact, we have requested the California Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Department, and Fire Department to review the proposed Ordinance and provide feedback. Assuming concurrence from these agencies, we anticipate submitting the Ordinance for your Board's consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Bill Winter of our Traffic and Lighting Division at (626) 300-4700.

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Attach.

cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel (Mark Yanai)
Executive Office

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Chapter 15.64 of Title 15 – Vehicles and Traffic of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to parking requirements for trailers and semitrailers.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 15.64.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.64.100 Trailers or semitrailers -- Parking requirements.

A. A person shall not park any trailer or semitrailer upon any highway, street, alley, public way or public place unless the trailer or semitrailer is at all times while so parked attached to a vehicle capable of moving the trailer or semitrailer in a normal manner upon the highway, street, alley, public way or public place.

B. This section shall not apply to any of the following:

1. Trailers or semitrailers in the process of being loaded or unloaded;
2. Trailers or semitrailers which are parked for a period less than 72 hours and are designed for the transportation of a boat or designed for human habitation for camping or recreational purposes;

3. ~~nor shall it apply to a~~Any trailer or semitrailer which is disabled in such a manner and to such an extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily leaving the disabled trailer or semitrailer on that portion of the highway, street, alley, public way or public place ordinarily used for vehicular parking.